Hon'ble Judges on 7th August, 2007 but Full Court did not favour setting up of Benches of the Supreme Court outside Delhi. However, Advocate-on-Record or a petitioner-in-person can file cases in the Supreme Court of India through Internet.

Voters' lists

1578. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are separate voters' lists for elections to Assembly, Parliament and local bodies like Panchayats and Nagar Palikas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would take steps to ensure single voters' lists for all the elections; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) The Election Commission of India maintains voters' list for elections to the House of the People and States' Legislative Assemblies. Most of the States, however, have their separate voter lists for their local bodies' elections as presently there is no provision in the Constitution/laws for a common voter list for all these elections.

(c) The Government has received suggestions for a common voter list for all these elections, which is, however, possible to implement only if all the State Governments agree for it and make suitable amendments in their respective State laws.

(d) Does not arise.

Compulsory voting

1579. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the laws to make voting by all the eligible voters compulsory;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the necessary amendments would be made and the reasons for the delay, if any, in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.